(k) such other functions as it may consider necessary for the promotion of child rights and any other matter incidental to the above functions.

(2) The Commission shall not inquire into any matter which is pending before a State Commission or any other Commission duly constituted under any law for the time being in force.

14 (1): The Commission shall, while inquiring into any matter referred to in clause CD of sub-section (1) of section 13 have all the powers of a civil court trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 and, in particular, in respect of the following matters, namely:

(a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person and examining him on oath;

(b) discovery and production of any document;

(c) receiving evidence on affidavits;

(d) requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any court or office; and

(e) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses or documents.

(2) The Commission shall have the power to forward any case to a Magistrate having jurisdiction to try the same and the Magistrate to whom any such case is forwarded shall proceed to hear the complaint against the accused as if the case has been forwarded to him under section 346 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

Exploitation of tribal women and children

*297. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale exploitation of tribal women and children working as house maids in various metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the action Government have taken or propose to take to protect the rights of these underprivileged women and children; and

(c) whether Government propose to provide free education to these women and children and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R KYNDIAH): (a) to (c) There are no reports from reliable sources indicating large scale exploitation of tribal women and children working as house maids in various metropolitan cities. However, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs has set up a Working Group to look into the matter and suggest preventive measures. Also the National Commission for Women has taken steps to have a detailed study dealing with the issue of house maids as well as their exploitation by the placement agencies.